

REMARKS

In a Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2005, the Examiner has required an election between one of the following three different inventions:

Group I, Claims 1-37 and 45-57, drawn to an electrical connector assembly;

Group II, Claims 38-40 and 58-67, drawn to contact member with self stripping slot; and

Group III, Claims 41-44 and 68-73, drawn to the method for connecting two pairs of wires.

Applicants hereby elect Group 1, Claims 1-37 and 45-57, drawn to an electrical connector assembly without traverse.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this response or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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